

***Chippewa Valley Railroad
Foundation
News Letter***

January

2018

Next Meeting

When: February 13th, 2018

***Where: Chippewa Valley Museum
- Charter Room -***

Time: 6:45 to 8:00

Hello Members,

We have had a busy month here at the CVRRF. We are near completion of the out door portion of the electrical upgrade. We started this project in March of 2017 and have managed move rather rapidly to this point. We needed to make a few changes per the inspector and are ready for the second inspection and hopefully the final.

As of this writing, work has progressed rather quickly on the boiler up grade for #16. The shop crew's are currently working on insulating and wrapping the boiler with a new jacket. They also have been hard at work getting the back head piped. The trucks have been removed from the tender, cleaned, wheels inspected and re-greased. Also new grates for the fire box are being cast and a new smoke box cover is being made.

We have been making some headway on getting the roundhouse roof re-placed. Currently, a grant application has been been filed with The Chippewa Valley Home Builders Association to help with the replacement. This needs to clear various stages with in their organization first, before there is a final agreement is reached.

We have also been making progress on the organization of spring projects. I will keep everyone posted as to what our needs will be when winter starts to break. Our first priorities will be yard clean up and track inspection, winter can take its toll on the out door equipment. As we put together more detailed projects, I will keep the membership posted as to who will be heading them up and who the contacts will be.

***Thanks Everyone,
Mike Kuhn, President
Chippewa Valley Railroad Foundation***

From the Presidents Desk

Hello Members,

I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful year we had in 2017.

First off special thanks to Chuck Lindvig and Byron Bobb for organizing crews and volunteers for getting the depot painted, and rotting boards replaced. This was a badly needed face lift and should extend the life of the building. Thanks for a job well done.

A second special thanks goes out to Dave Peterson, Marc Brown, and Robby Brazau for organizing and the work they have completed on #16's new boiler project. There has been a lot of time spent putting this project together. It should be a great performer and great addition to our operations. It will also be nice to have two steam engines back in service again for the 2018 operating season.

Thirdly, to all the members that have participated in the electrical up-grade project. When completed this will give us badly needed circuit expansion in both buildings and outside. It has been a daunting task but will be well worth the effort in the end.

These are the major tasks that were taken on in the 2017 year and will continue into 2018. There were countless other tasks and projects that were also taken on by various people and groups during this past year, to numerous to mention. Just our Sunday and Holiday operations alone take's large effort.

For those who have the opportunity, please stop by and lend a hand if possible. Even the smallest of things can make a big difference in the operations of CVRRF. It maybe cold and snowy now, but spring will be here in short order. We are already thinking of our spring to do list. Weather it be major track repair or just cleaning the depot, raking and clearing track of winter debris there is something for every skill level.

Again I would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2017 operating year. Your contributions are greatly appreciated, looking forward to seeing everyone in the 2018 operating season.

Mike Kuhn, President
Chippewa Valley Railroad Foundation

Right: Jake and Dan Perkins cleaning and inspecting #16 tender wheels.



Below: Frank, Byron, Walker and Jake fitting #16 boiler with insulating material and prepping for a new boiler jacket. Chuck Lindvig in the back-ground working the lathe.



Below: Byron, Frank, Walker and Jake with the completed boiler lagging.



***Photo's
by
Dave Peterson***

Conduit New's

Hello all,

Prior to the cold snap over the Holiday season, and as most are aware, during the inspection in October, we were dinged for a couple of errors. One was that we needed a 200 Amp disconnect on the outside of the roundhouse. That work has completed. We managed to get some mild weather in November, and the disconnect was mounted to the building, wires pulled back from the indoor panel and rerouted to the source side of the disconnect. Then new wires pulled from load side of the disconnect to the inside panel.

We are still working with some issues on the meter entrance end, hopefully those will be resolved soon.

Thanks to everyone that has contributed to this project thus far,

Mike

***Photo's
by Mike Kuhn***

Before



After

